

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* Harvesting Cotton and Soybeans, Planting Wheat

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**RELEASED:** November 18, 2002 3:00 p.m. - Light rain early in the week gave way to sunny and breezy conditions from mid-week on. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 5 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

**CROPS:** Farmers were pushing to finish soybean and cotton harvest. Wet fields continued to hamper harvest progress in several areas, and have slowed or delayed the planting of a winter wheat crop in those areas. Open weather since mid-week has helped to dry fields, but soybean and cotton harvest continued 2 weeks behind normal. Some counties report that farmers will continue to plant wheat until Thanksgiving.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock were reported to be in generally good condition. Freezing temperatures in some areas have stunted further growth of pastures and cattlemen have begun feeding hay. Other areas are still reporting pastures with some green in them and forage from fall seeded grasses is now available. Cattle producers were working cattle, weaning and selling calves.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
COTTON									
Harvested	83	70	98	97					
RICE									
Harvested	100	99	100	100					
SOYBEANS									
Shedding	100	99	100	100					
Mature <sup>1</sup>	99	99	99	97					
Harvested	79	65	97	92					
WHEAT					0	5	41	45	9
Planted	70	54	89	87					
Emerged	57	43	72	71					
PASTURE					2	17	43	33	5

<sup>1</sup> Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.

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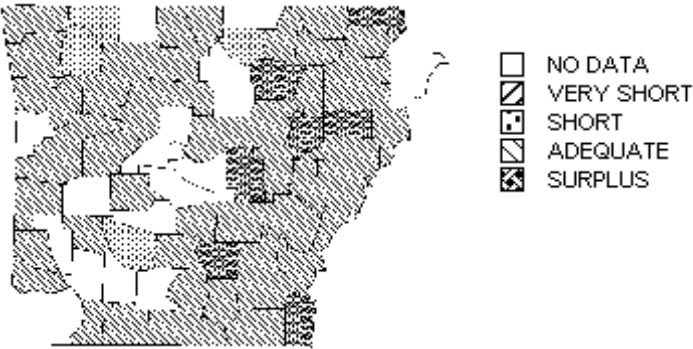
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

November 17, 2002. Temperatures were below normal. Light rainfall over most of the state early in the week. Greers Ferry recorded the high temperature of 77<sup>0</sup> with Fayetteville recording the low temperature of 25<sup>0</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.43 inches at Eudora to several reporting stations reporting no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: November 17, 2002

DISTRICT  AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE  FROM NORMAL	WEEK  ENDING NOV 17	CURRENT  NOV ACCUM.	NOV  NORMAL	JANUARY-OCT	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	63	25	-5	0.04	0.17	4.74	39.45	38.08
Harrison	64	29	-2	0.18	0.47	4.96	43.51	36.61
2 Calico Rock	69	28	-2	0.15	1.07	4.93	42.87	37.06
Greers Ferry	77	29	-1	0.19	1.16	5.92	43.69	40.46
Mountain Home	65	32	0	0.27	0.95	5.31	44.20	35.98
3 Batesville	64	30	-3	0.08	1.26	5.48	37.39	38.03
Jonesboro	64	32	-2	0.01	1.18	5.02	34.79	36.91
Keiser	66	28	-3	0.19	1.26	4.84	44.61	40.13
Newport	66	33	-2	0.00	0.95	5.55	47.44	38.53
4 Booneville	71	29	-4	0.06	0.70	5.08	47.67	38.44
Clarksville	65	31	0	0.13	0.74	5.08	47.43	37.54
Dardanelle	67	28	-1	0.14	1.02	5.36	38.29	38.93
Ft. Smith	69	29	-1	0.00	0.45	4.80	43.30	35.68
Mena	64	29	-3	0.02	0.65	5.88	47.93	47.49
Ozark	65	31	-3	0.03	0.65	5.06	50.43	36.24
5 Conway	66	31	-1	0.00	1.02	5.24	39.36	38.64
Hot Springs	67	30	-2	0.14	0.51	6.29	43.14	46.20
Little Rock	66	33	-1	0.10	0.68	5.73	37.76	40.49
N Little Rock	66	39	1	0.07	0.90	5.74	37.12	38.92
6 Brinkley	65	33	-2	0.29	1.37	4.76	37.88	39.68
Marianna	67	31	-2	0.42	1.56	5.22	41.87	42.16
Stuttgart	68	32	-3	0.40	1.47	5.06	48.27	48.27
7 Hope	69	31	-2	0.14	1.08	5.91	48.68	43.54
Texarkana	72	37	0	0.08	1.13	5.34	33.89	37.21
8 Camden	70	31	-2	0.00	1.56	5.23	42.48	42.74
El Dorado	72	31	-1	0.42	2.70	4.80	41.82	44.51
Warren	69	31	-2	0.22	1.18	5.26	39.52	44.92
9 Eudora	68	32	-3	0.43	3.41	5.36	44.73	45.49
Pine Bluff	67	33	-2	0.30	1.76	4.87	42.51	42.20
Rohwer	70	32	-2	0.22	2.88	5.40	43.60	40.99